



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



October 12, 2014

The Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council & the 4th Sunday of St. Luke

Tone 1 ~ Eothinon: 7 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Saints du Jour (October 12)

Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Cosmas the hymnographer, bishop of Maiuma; Martyr Domnina at Anazarbus in Cilicia; Virgin-martyr Anastasia of Rome.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world, for which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy kingdom; glory to Thy providence, O Thou, Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Plagal Tone 4: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus.
(Chapter 3:8-15)

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(Chapter 8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 18th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 19th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Oct. 25th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 26th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M., Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, Oct. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold it's monthly meeting today, Oct. 12, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold it's monthly meeting next Sunday, Oct. 19, after Divine Liturgy. All council members please attend.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** is having a series of car wash fundraisers in the church parking lot after Divine Liturgy to help fund some of their activities. The date is Sunday, Oct. 12. The cost is \$5/car and donations are accepted. Please see **Gage Russell** or **Emma Nugent** for more information.

Ladies Guild Study Group and Art Project: The study group will meet Saturday, Oct. 18, at 9:30 A.M. In addition to discussing Chapter 2 of our book, At the Corner of East and Now (you don't have to have the book to benefit from the discussion), we will have an art project decorating Christmas bottles that light up, which shall be sold at our Garage Sale. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Ladies Guild Garage Sale will be Nov. 1. Donations of items in good condition may be brought to the church beginning October 7. This year the sale will include a Christmas bazaar. Donations of unwanted Christmas decorations in good condition, including wreaths, trees, lights, collectables, ornaments, wrapping paper and ribbon will be gratefully appreciated. Also we will be selling live potted plants. Those with a green thumb are asked to prepare cuttings in a decorative pot now to be ready to sell in November.

Donations for Cancer Research will be accepted by the Ladies Guild during October which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The contributions will be given to New Orleans Cancer Crusaders, a local volunteer organization that gives 100% of what they collect to help fund the cancer research that is being conducted at our local universities. Those who donate will receive a hand-crafted pink ribbon as a thank-you gift. Our teens will be collecting donations during coffee hour. Any checks should be made out to St. Basil Ladies Guild.

St. Basil Church shall host the **Clergy Deanery Retreat** for the Lower Mississippi Valley Deanery from Nov. 10-12, 2014. Clergy from Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee shall join us at that time.

The church bulletin is available by email. If you would like the church bulletin emailed to you, please tell Fr. Peter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

As of October 5, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$76,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for October 5, 2014, totaled \$2,674.27 for a year-to-date total of \$91,267.69 (~\$2,282/week). We are approximately \$13,720 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

The Holy Martyrs Tarachus, Probus and Andronicus

Tarachus was born in Syrian Claudiopolis, Probus was from Perga of Pamphylia, and Andronicus was the son of an eminent citizen of Ephesus. All three were martyred together by the Proconsul Numerian Maximus, in Emperor Diocletian's time. Tarachus was 65 years old when he was tortured. The proconsul asked him for his name, and he answered: “I am a Christian.” The proconsul asked thrice, and received the same answer each time. These martyrs were beaten with rods, then were cast into prison bloodied and wounded. After this, they were brought out again for torture. When the proconsul advised Probus to deny Christ, promising him imperial honors and his own friendship, holy Probus replied: “Neither the emperor's honors do I desire, nor your friendship do I wish.” When Andronicus was threatened with even greater bodily tortures, the young martyr of Christ replied: “My body is before you, do with it what you will.” After prolonged tortures in various locales, the three holy martyrs were thrown into an arena with wild beasts. Other prisoners in the same arena were torn apart by the beasts, but they would not harm the saints; a bear and a ferocious lioness fawned around them. Seeing this, many believed in Christ the Lord and cried out against the proconsul. Crazed with anger, and more furious than the beasts, the proconsul ordered his soldiers to enter the arena and chop the soldiers of Christ into pieces with their swords. Their bodies were mingled with the dead bodies of other prisoners. Three Christians, Macarius, Felix and Berius, who were present at the slaying of the holy martyrs, came that night to remove their bodies. But as the bodies were heaped in confusion, and the night was very dark, they prayed to God to help them find the saints; and suddenly three candles were manifested over the bodies of the martyrs. Thus, they were able to remove the saints' bodies and honorably bury them.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid